



# CITY OF SEQUIM *News*



May 2015

## Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.—Meeting May 26 due to the holiday
Planning Commission Transit Center	Tuesday, May 5 & 19 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting June 12 10:00 a.m.
Arts Advisory Commission Transit Center Conf. Room	3rd Tuesday 8:30 a.m.

## Welcome New Employees!

Josh Henning—Public Works 4/17 (Seasonal)  
Gary Butler—Public Works 5/4 (Seasonal)



**City Offices will be closed on  
Monday, May 25  
In observation of Memorial Day.**

## Coffee with the Mayor Continues in May

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim Mayor Candace Pratt on Thursdays, May 7 & 21 at 8:30 a.m. at Adagio Bean & Leaf located at 981 East Washington Street.

Mayor Pratt will be at a different published location each month to meet with anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community. Please contact Candace Pratt at (360) 582-0114 or [cpratt@sequimwa.gov](mailto:cpratt@sequimwa.gov) with questions.



## Spring Clean Up

The City of Sequim conducted another successful Spring Clean Up in April. 257 property owners participated by bringing over 58 tons of trash to the City Shop for disposal. Thank you to everyone who participated and for helping to keep Sequim clean and beautiful.

## New Civic Center Opens for Business Monday, May 18 at 8:00 a.m. 152 W. Cedar Street

### *New Hours for the Civic Center*

The new Civic Center will be open to the public Monday—Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### *Save the Date:*

**Ribbon Cutting May 18 at 12:00 noon**

**Official Building Dedication June 13, 2015 2:00 p.m.**

Look for details in the June newsletter.



Crews install the sign for the new Civic Center and grade for the Community Plaza.

## 13th Annual Kid's Fishing Day Saturday, May 16 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. At the Water Reuse Reclamation Site Pond just north of Carrie Blake Park

All kids 14 years of age and younger are invited to participate. No fishing license is required. Kids are allowed to keep two fish each. Worms and power bait will be available. A fish cleaning station will be provided. The event is sponsored by the Puget Sound Angler North Olympic Peninsula Chapter.



## VOLUNTEER CORNER



Volunteer in Police Service Kim Treece

Kim Treece serves as the Training Coordinator for the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program for the Sequim Police Department. As part of her responsibilities she sets up monthly training topics, sits on interview panels for prospective volunteers, and trains new VIPS members. Kim is well qualified for her role, as overseeing the VIPS program was part of her responsibility as a Police Sergeant for the Atascadero Police Department in San Luis Obispo, CA.

Kim served 19 years with the department before taking early retirement and moving with her family to Sequim in 2005. During her years of service she worked many assignments including property crimes, was a member of the Bureau of Narcotics Enforcement (BNE), and was a DARE instructor. As a police sergeant, she oversaw 37 volunteers in the VIPS program who performed many of the services provided by the volunteers in the Sequim program.

Shortly after joining the Sequim program, Kim was asked to assist in formalizing a policy and procedure manual for the Sequim VIPS program. The project took nearly a year to complete and has now been seen and used by other law enforcement agencies, including the Atascadero Police Department which has taken many of the procedures and implemented them into their current program.

"I know from experience that Volunteers are valued assets to any agency and community for that matter," Kim said. "Without volunteers many smaller agencies would not perform as effectively and the community would not benefit from the specialized services offered. It also gives the Volunteers an insight into Law Enforcement and the daily struggles that go along with it."

Kim finds her experience as a volunteer as rewarding on the giving end as it was on the receiving end. She offers thanks to the Sequim Police Department for all of the support offered to the volunteers.

"Having worked in Law Enforcement, I would have loved to work with many of their members. The residents of Sequim should be proud of their Police Department," Kim added.

To learn more about how you can reap the rewards of volunteering for the City of Sequim, contact Volunteer Coordinator Pamela Leonard-Ray at (360) 582-2447 or [pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov](mailto:pleonard-ray@sequimwa.gov) or City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at (360) 681-3428 or [kkuznek@sequimwa.gov](mailto:kkuznek@sequimwa.gov).

## Stormwater Stewardship

*Our Water, Our Future!*

### JOIN THE BELL CREEK DISCOVERY TOUR!

The City of Sequim Stormwater Stewardship Project and the Sequim High School "Be the Change" club launched the Bell Creek Discovery Tour to raise awareness of local Bell Creek. The walking or driving tour includes 10 educational stops from the headwaters to the mouth of the creek.

Participants can download an app on their smartphone from the project webpage <http://wa-sequim.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=676> or the project Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/bellcreekdiscoverytour>. The tour sheet and map and complete instructions are also available at a box installed on the outside of the City's Interpretive Center at the Water Reuse Park, 500 N. Blake Avenue.

Participants who answer the educational questions on Facebook or on the Tour Sheet by Memorial Day, May 25, 2015 are invited on an exclusive guided walk, picnic snacks included, across Washington Harbor at the mouth of Bell Creek to Port Williams beach and will automatically be entered into a raffle for dinner for four at Nourish Restaurant, chosen for its location on Bell Creek.

Please contact Water Resource Manager Ann Soule at 582-2436 or [asoule@sequimwa.gov](mailto:asoule@sequimwa.gov) with questions.

### Are You Considering Running for the Sequim City Council?

There are four City Council positions up for election in 2015. An elective officer of the City of Sequim must be a registered voter and must have been a resident of the City for at least one year.

All candidates must file declarations of candidacy with the Clallam County Auditor. The "in person" filing period begins on Monday, May 11, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. and continues until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015. In addition, filings will be accepted by mail if received no sooner than two weeks before the beginning of the filing period and no later than the last day of filing. There is a fee for filing.

For full details on the responsibilities of City Council members and how to file for candidacy, visit [www.sequimwa.gov](http://www.sequimwa.gov) and go to the City Council page or contact City Clerk Karen Kuznek-Reese at 681-3428 or [kkuznek@sequimwa.gov](mailto:kkuznek@sequimwa.gov) or contact the Electoral Department at Clallam County.

### Water Saving Tip of the Month

**In the Garden—APPLY MULCH.** A thick layer of mulch over your planting beds helps keep the soil cool and moist and inhibits weeds, which compete for moisture and nutrients. You can mulch with chipped limbs and wood, leaves, grass clippings, bark or any combination. In addition to conserving soil moisture, mulch adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil as it decomposes. Soils with increased amounts of organic matter absorb and retain water better.

